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SUBJECT: GREEK CONCERN THAT YUGOSLAVS MAY USE UN SEMINAR ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS OF MINORITIES FOR POLITICAL ATTACK ON GREECE

REF: VIENNA A-279 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY. CHARGE OF GREEK PERMANENT MISSION TO UN CALLED AT USUN  
TO EXPRESS FEAR THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL USE UN SEMINAR ON RIGHTS OF  
MINORITIES, WHICH THEY ARE HOSTING, AS FORUM FOR ATTACKING GREECE  
ON TREATMENT OF ITS "MACEDONIAN MINORITY." HE ASKED THAT US  
PARTICIPANTS SUPPORT GREECE IF THIS EVENTUALITY ARISES. SUCH  
TACTICS ON PART OF YUGOSLAVIA WOULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT AND  
DIFFICULT FOR US PARTICIPANTS. SUGGEST ADDRESSES BE REQUESTED  
SEEK AND OBTAIN INFORMATION RE YUGOSLAV INTENTIONS. END  
SUMMARY.

2. ACTING PERMREP OF GREEK MISSION TO UN, EMMANUEL MEGALOKONOMOS,  
CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL, JUNE 14, TO INFORM HIM OF  
GREEK CONCERN THAT YUGOSLAVS INTEND TO USE HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR  
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ORGANIZED BY UN AS A PROPAGANDA PLATFORM FOR ATTACKING GREECE

ON TREATMENT OF ITS MACEDONIAN MINORITY. SEMINAR ORGANIZED UNDER UN PROGRAM OF ADVISORY SERVICES IN HUMAN RIGHTS, IS BEING HELD IN OHRID AT INVITATION OF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT JUNE 25-JULY 8. SUBJECT IS "PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF NATIONAL, ETHNIC AND OTHER MINORITIES" AND AGENDA, CONSISTING OF TWO MAJOR PARTS 1) MEASURES TO ENSURE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MINORITIES ON NATIONAL LEVEL AND 2) REGIONAL AND WORLDWIDE COOPERATION FOR PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES, APPEARS UNOBJECTIONABLE, BUT IS BROAD ENOUGH TO BE USED FOR WIDE VARIETY OF PURPOSES.

3. GREEK CONCERN IS BASED UPON 1) FACT THAT YUGOSLAVS HAVE CHOSEN OHRID IN YUGOSLAV PART OF MACEDONIA NEAR TO GREEK BORDER AS SITE FOR SEMINAR; DESPITE GREEK VIEW THAT IT LACKS ADEQUATE FACILITIES; 2) ARTICLES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN YUGOSLAV MACEDONIAN PRESS; 3) STATEMENT OF MAYOR OF SKOPLJE; 4) FACT THAT GREECE HAS NOT BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

4. MEGALOKONOMOS HOPED THAT US WAS NOT ATTENDING, BUT WAS INFORMED THAT WE HAD ALREADY APPOINTED MRS. MARGARET YOUNG AND MR. PETER HOLMES AS US PARTICIPANT AND ALTERNATE RESPECTIVELY. HE THEN TOLD AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE THAT HE KNEW GREECE COULD COUNT ON US FOR SUPPORT IF ISSUE AROSE. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE REPLIED ONLY THAT US WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD AND ASKED FOR DOCUMENTATION WHICH MEGALOKONOMOS PROMISED TO PROVIDE. HE POINTED OUT TO HIS VISITOR THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD NOT SO MISUSED THEIR ROLE AS HOSTS TO SIMILAR SEMINAR IN LJUBLJANA IN 1965.

5. GREEK GOVERNMENT COULD BE OVERREACTING, BUT IF GREEK FEARS MATERIALIZED, US PARTICIPANTS COULD BE PLACED IN POSITION OF EITHER TAKING SIDES OR OF APPEARING BY THEIR SILENCE TO ACQUISCE IN YUGOSLAV CHARGES.

6. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: USUN NOTES THAT AUSTRIA AND ITALY, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE SLAVIC MINORITIES HAVE BEEN INVITED. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED FROM REFAIR THAT AUSTRIA IS CONCERNED RE YUGOSLAV INTENTIONS AS IS GREECE. ITALIAN ALTERNATE PARTICIPANT, PROFESSOR FRANCESCO CAPOTORTI, WAS DESIGNATED AS UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO PREPARE STUDY ON RIGHTS OF MINORITIES  
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AND HIS TWO PROGRESS REPORTS ARE INCLUDED IN DOCUMENTATION SENT BY UN SECRETARIAT TO PARTICIPANTS. HE SHOULD BE WELL INFORMED ON CONFERENCE.

7. REQUEST DEPT ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN YUGOSLAV INTENTIONS AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR US PARTICIPANTS ACCORDINGLY.  
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